IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
N/S Old North Point Road, 844' W
of centerline Braddock Avenue
15<sup>th</sup> Election District
7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District
(809 North Point Road)

\* BEFORE THE

\* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 99-531-A

The Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc. Petitioners

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a petition for variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, The Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc. and the Lessee of the site, Heilig-Meyers Company, by and through Peter M. Lundien, its representative. The Petitioners are requesting a variance for their furniture store located at 809 North Point Road. The subject property is zoned BL-AS. The variance request is from Section 409.6.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit 32 parking spaces in lieu of the required 38 parking spaces.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the variance request were: Peter Lundien, on behalf of Heilig-Meyers Company; Stephen Mordfin and David Gildea, attorney at law. There were no protestants in attendance.

Testimony and evidence indicated that the property, which is the subject of this variance request, consists of 0.9489 acres, more or less, zoned BL-AS. The subject property is located on the north side of Old North Point Boulevard just opposite Belmont Avenue in the Eastpoint area of Baltimore County. The subject property is improved with an existing one-story brick and block building which is utilized by the Lessee as a furniture store known as "The Room Store". The Petitioners are currently upgrading their furniture operation, converting their prior operation known as "The Hub Furniture Store" into The Room Store. As a result of the conversion and renovations

that took place on the site, the Petitioners discovered that only 32 parking spaces could be provide in lieu of the required 38. Therefore, the Petitioners are requesting a variance to allow the 32 parking spaces to exist. The testimony offered at the hearing clearly demonstrates that the 32 parking spaces are more than adequate to service the needs of The Room Store customers. Furthermore, the Planning Office has reviewed the Petitioners' request and agree with the Petitioners that the 32 parking spaces are appropriate. Therefore, having considered the testimony offered at the hearing, I find that the variance to approve 32 parking spaces in lieu of 38 shall be approved.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioners and their property. <u>McLean v. Soley</u>, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioners must meet the following:

- whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. Of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the property which is the subject of this request and that the requirements from which the Petitioners seek relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the

relief requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare, and meets the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by the Petitioners, I find that the Petitioners' variance request should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 8th day of September, 1999, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioners' request for variance from Section 409.6.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit 32 parking spaces in lieu of the required 38 parking spaces, be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party has the right to file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

TMK:raj



Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386 Fax: 410-887-3468

September 7, 1999

David K. Gildea, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P. 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 99-531-A

> > Property: 809 North Point Road

Dear Mr. Gildea:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the enclosed Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours, letroco

Timothy M. Kotroco

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

TMK:raj Enclosure

### Copies to:

Mr. Gary M. Ralston, President Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc. 400 E. South Street, Suite 500 Orlando, Florida 32801

Mr. Peter Lundien c/o Heilig-Meyers Company 3400 Pennsy Drive Landover, Maryland 20785

Mr. Stephen Mordfin C/o Ben Dyer Associates, Inc. P. O. Box 1450 Landover, Maryland 20785



# Petition for Variance

### to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 809 North Point Road
which is presently zoned

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This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

BCZR Section 409.6.A.2 -- to permit 32 parking spaces in lieu of the required 38 parking spaces.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

TO BE PROSENCED AT THE HEADING

(410)832-2000 Telephone No.

Zio Code

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

Helig-Myers Company		
Name - Type or Print	///	
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David K. Gildea		
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ford, Taylor & Preston L.L.P.

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Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

Case No. 99-531-A.

W. Pennsylvania Ave.

21204

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I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

### Legal Owner(s):

Commercial Net Lease Ro	ealty	, Inc.
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GARY M. R	ALSTO	N.
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Reviewed By

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BEN DYER ASSOCIATES, INC.

Engineers / Surveyors / Planners

TELEPHONE: 301-459-9200

FAX: 301-459-4361

E-MAIL: bendyer@erols.com

April 9, 1999 J-94177 WO-52444

### ZONING DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the scient side of Old North Point Road which is forty (40) feet wide at the distance of 844 feet west of the centerline of the nearest improved intersection street, Braddock Avenue, which is 30 feet wide, thence the following courses and distances

North 19°47'03" East, 179.73 feet, North 70°12'57" West, 236.21 feet, South 21°18'15" West, 41.10 feet, South 38°01'55" East, 11.64 feet, South 21°18'15" West, 132.43 feet, South 70°50'45" East, 98.11 feet and South 69°43'45" East, 132.87 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.9489 acres of land, as recorded in Liber 12662, Folio 174.

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### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

RE: CASE # 99-531-A
PETITIONER/DEVELOPER:
[Heilg-Meyers Co.]
DATE OF Hearing
[Aug. 24, 1999]

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTENTION: MS. GWENDOLYN STEPHENS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at 809 North Point Road Baltimore, Maryland 21224\_\_\_\_\_



Sincerely,  Normal Styles  (Signature of Sign Poster & Date)
Thomas P. Ogle, Sr
325 Nicholson Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21221
(410)-687-8405
(Telephone Number)

## DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

### OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Thursday, August 5, 1999 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

David K. Gildea, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 410-832-2000

### **NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING**

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 99-531-A

809 North Point Road

N/S Old North Point Road, 844' W of centerline Braddock Avenue

15<sup>th</sup> Election District – 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc.

Lessee: Heilig-Meyers Company

Variance to permit 32 parking spaces in lieu of the required 38 parking spaces.

HEARING: Tuesday, August 24, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts

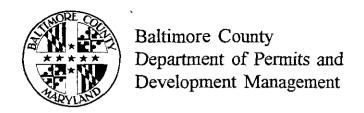
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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.

(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

July 27, 1999

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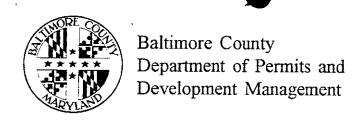
Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc., Gary M. Ralston, President, 400 E. South Street, Suite 500. Orlando. FL 32801

Heilig-Meyers Company, 12560 W. Creek Parkway, Richmond, VA 23238

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY AUGUST 9, 1999.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
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August 20, 1999

David K. Gildea, Esq. Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Gildea:

RE: Case No.: 99-531-A

Petitioner: Commercial Net Lease Realty/Helig-Meyers Company

Location: 809 North Point Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM), on June 30, 1999.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

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Zoning Supervisor

Zoning Review

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Enclosures

### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

**DATE:** August 12, 1999

Department of Permits and

Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III, Director

Office of Planning

**SUBJECT:** 809 North Point Boulevard

**INFORMATION:** 

Item Number:

531

**Petitioner:** 

Helig-Myers Company

Zoning:

**BL-AS** 

Requested Action:

Variance

### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A field visit to the property indicated that ample parking opportunities exist in the shopping center; therefore, the Office of Planning supports the applicant's request.

Section Chief: Jeffy W Long

AFK/JL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, NARYLAND

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: August 4, 1999

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor (WB) OMK

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for July 26, 1999

Item Nos. 525, 526, 528, 529, 530, (531), 532, 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013,

and 014

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items, and we have no comments.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File



700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4500

July 21, 1999

Arnold Jablon, Director
Zoning Administration and Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF JULY 19, 1999

Item No.: See Below Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:

525, 526, 528, 529, (531) 532, 002, 003, 004, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, AND 013.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date: 7.20.99

Ms. Gwen Stephens
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 531

JRA

Dear. Ms Stephens:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

/ Michael M. Lenhart, Chief

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Engineering Access Permits Division

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 809 North Point Road, N/S North Point Road, 844' W of c/I Braddock Ave 15th Election District, 7th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc. Lessee: Helig-Meyers Company

Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE
- ZONING COMMISSIONER
- **FOR**
- **BALTIMORE COUNTY**
- Case No. 99-531-A

### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30 day of July, 1999 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to David K. Gildea, Esq., Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 400, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioners.

### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: July 20, 1999

TO: Larry E. Schmidt

**Zoning Commissioner** 

FROM: James H. Thompson - JC

Code Enforcement Supervisor

SUBJECT: ITEM NO.: 531

PETITIONER: Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc.

VIOLATION CASE NO.: 98-4089

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: N/S Old North Point Road, 844' W of centerline

Braddock Avenue (809 North Point Road)

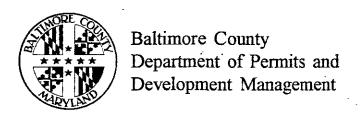
DEFENDANT(S): Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc.

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s):

NAME ADDRESS

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's Order to the Code Enforcement Supervisor, so that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

JHT/jc/lmh



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

November 29, 1999

David Gildea, Esquire Whiteford Taylor & Preston 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Gildea:

RE: 809 North Point Road, Zoning Case No. 99-531-A, 15th Election District

Your letter of November 10, 1999 has been referred to me for reply. The order granted in case no. 99-531-A was dated September 8, 1999. The 30 day appeal period ran from September 8 to the end of the business day October 8, 1999. There were no appeals filed for the above referenced case during this period.

I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the request. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-887-3391.

incerely.

Lloyd T. Moxley Planner II Zoning Review

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c: Zoning Case 99-531-A

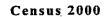


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DAVID K. GILDEA

DIRECT NUMBER
410 832-2066
dgildea@wrplaw.com

November 10, 1999

### Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Department of Permits and Development Management 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: The Room Store/809 Northpoint Road

Case No.: 99-531-A

Our File No.: 07695/00001

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Heilig-Meyers Company, d/b/a The Room Store, by and through its attorneys, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, hereby requests a certification letter for the above referenced property. On September 8, 1999 Zoning Commissioner Kotroco granted a parking variance for 32 parking spaces in lieu of the required 38 parking spaces (see attached Opinion). Please certify that the appeal period has run and that no timely appeal has been filed.

Please forward the certification letter to me after completion. I have enclosed a \$40.00 check for the fee.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me. With kind regards, I am

David K. Gilde

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### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

### PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

### NAME

### **ADDRESS**

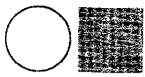
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FAX# 1-301-459-4361



### BEN DYER ASSOCIATES, INC.

Engineers / Surveyors / Planners

### STEPHEN JAY MORDFIN, AICP

POSITION:

Land Planner, Planning & Zoning Section

**EDUCATION:** 

University of Cincinnati, School of Design, Architecture, Art & Planning, Cincinnati, Ohio, Master of

Community Planning, 1982

University of Maryland, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences, College Park, Maryland, Bachelor

of Arts in Urban Studies, (Specialization in Urban Planning), 1980

AFFILIATIONS: American Planning Association

American Institute of Certified Planners

### EXPERIENCE:

1993 thru Present-Ben Dyer Associates, Inc. Position: Land Planner - Preparation of justification statements and applications for special exceptions, variances, map amendments and departures from standards; zoning analyses; land use analyses; testifying before commissioners; graphics.

1992 thru 1993 - Howard County, Maryland, Department of Planning and Zoning. Position: Planner I - Reviewed zoning petitions, prepared/presented staff reports to Planning Board, prepared Planning Board recommendations; assisted public in preparation of zoning petitions; responded to citizen inquiries regarding Zoning Regulations; drafted brochures.

1988 thru 1992 - City of Laurel, Maryland, Department of Planning and Zoning. Position: Senior Planner - Researched/wrote new Zoning Ordinance/Master Plan; evaluated development & zoning proposals; chaired meetings with developers; wrote/presented staff reports to City Council/Planning Commission; Board of Appeals representative; responded to citizen inquires; coordinated preparation of Capital Improvements Program; directed local review of 1990 Census; liaison to governmental agencies.

1988 - Fairfax County, Virginia, Office of Comprehensive Planning. Position: Planner II - Reviewed/evaluated zoning petitions; resolved technical issues; prepared/presented staff reports/graphics for Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors; chaired meetings between zoning applicants and State/County agencies,

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1984 thru 1986 - Harford County, Maryland, Department of Planning and Zoning Position: Transportation Planner - Analyzed development plans for traffic impacts; evaluated transit possibilities & circulation studies; responded to citizen inquiries; managed County portion of regional transportation planning budget.

### EXPERT TESTIMONY:

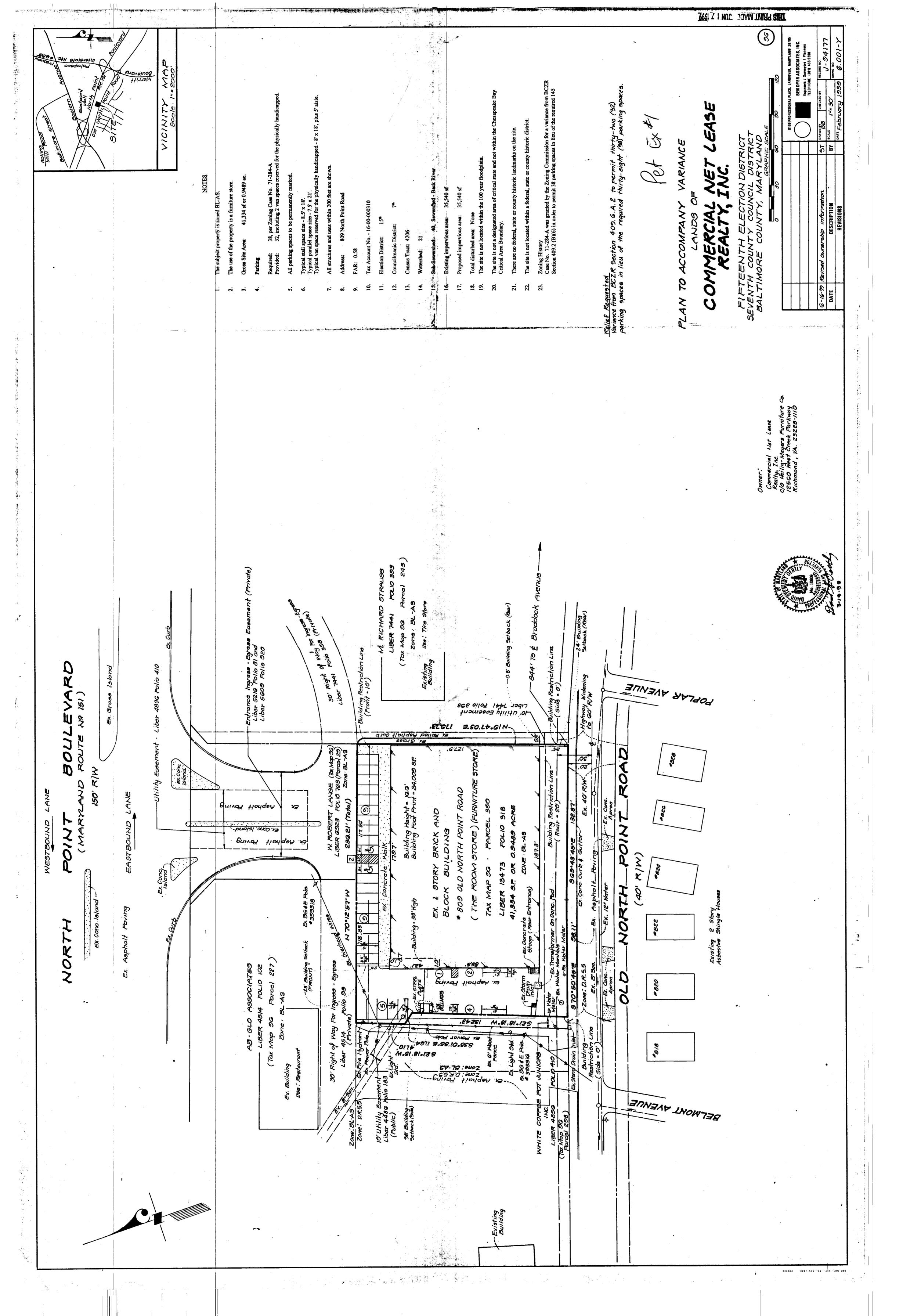
Expert witness qualified in Land Planning before the Zoning Hearing Examiner in Prince George's County (first qualified 6/21/95); the Montgomery County Board of Appeals (first qualified 9/14/94). Testified before District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment 12/21/94.

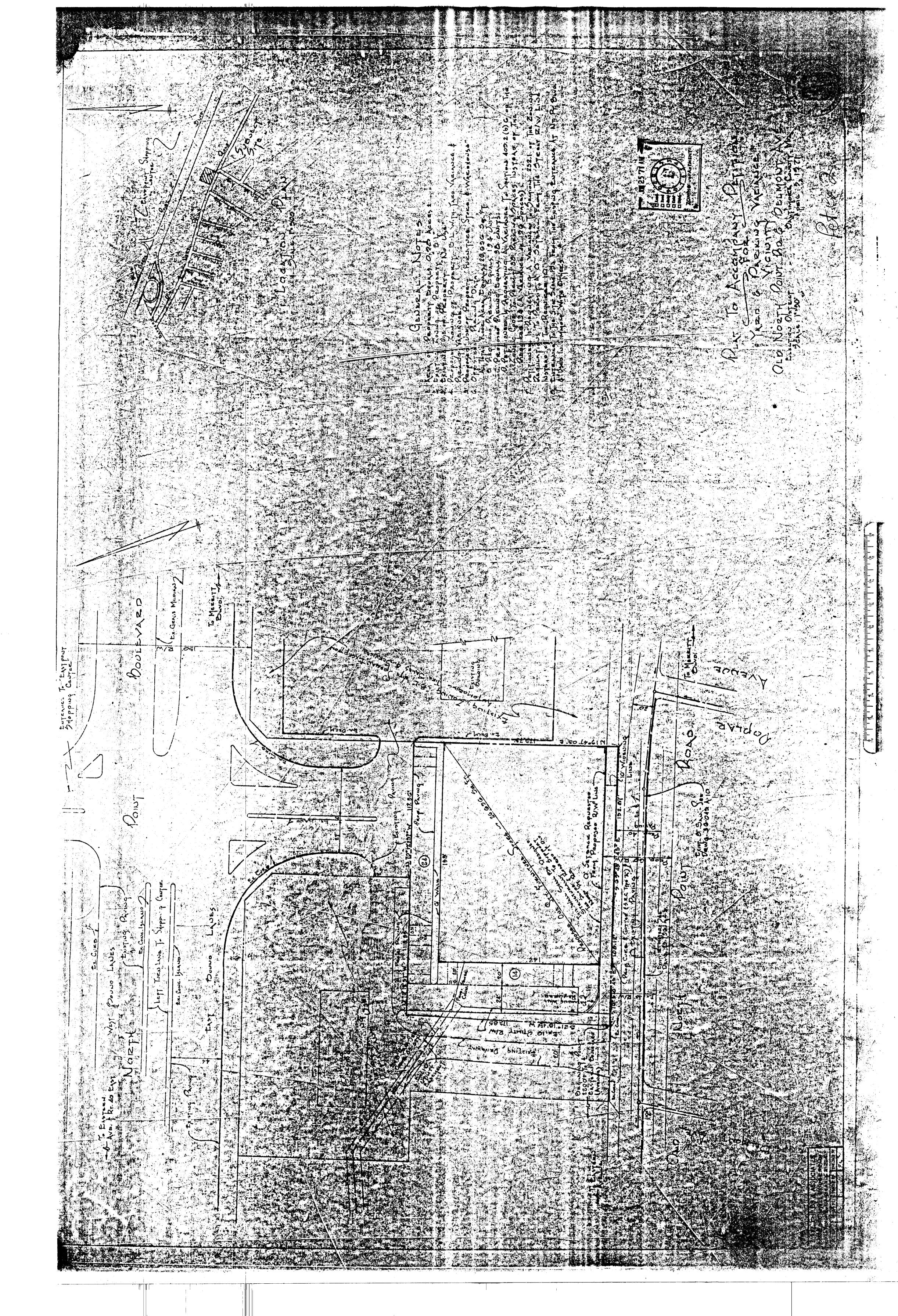
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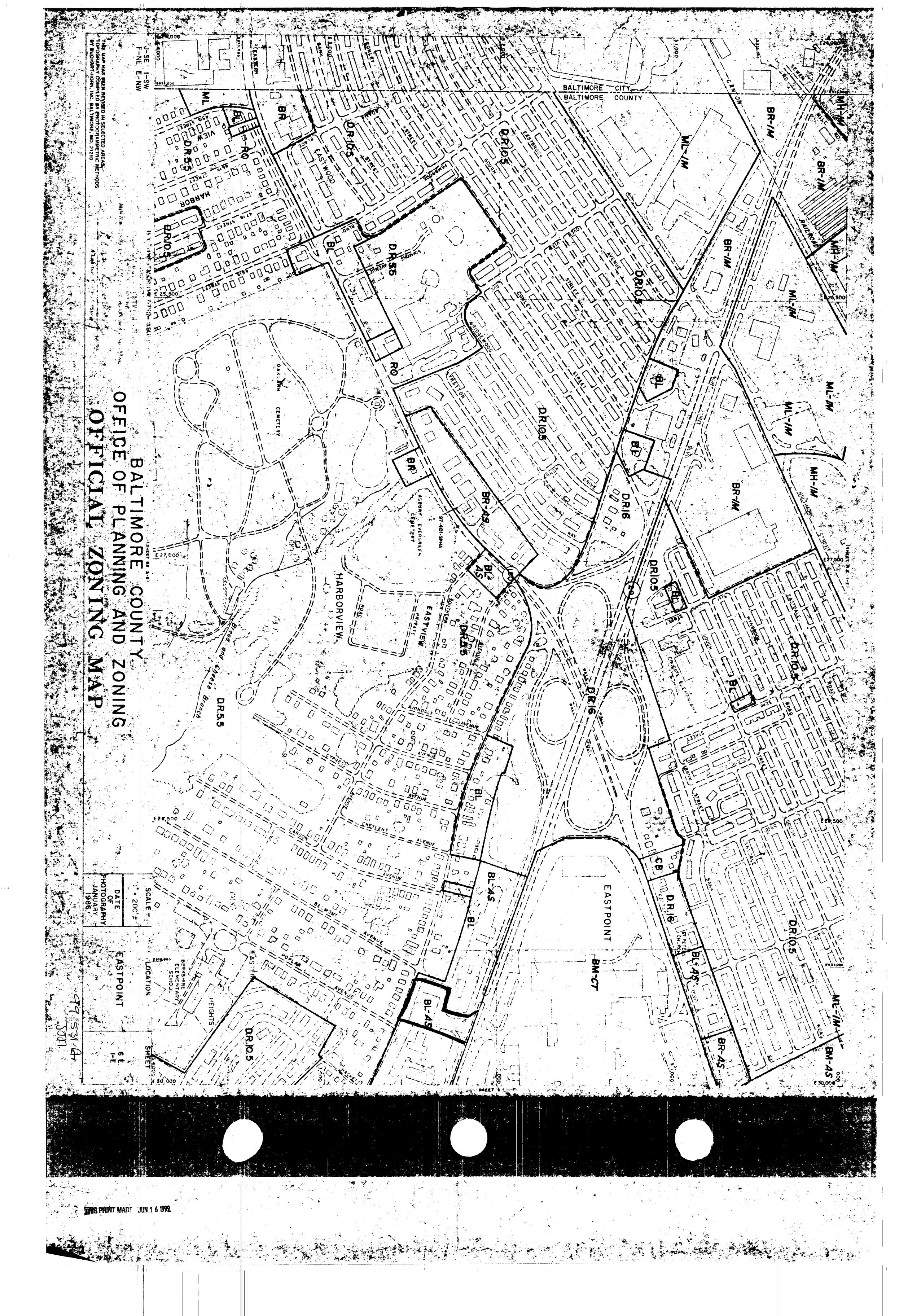
1991 - Certificate of Appreciation. Governor's 1990 Census Promotion Campaign, State of Maryland.

1990 - Outstanding City Employee in Recognition of Exceptional Service. City of Laurel, Maryland.

1980 thru 1982 - Full Tuition Academic Scholarship. University of Cincinnati, School of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning.







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Heilig-Meyers Furniture Company c/o McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe LLP One James Center 901 East Cary Street Richmond, VA 23219

Attention: Ashley E. Harwell,

To Whom It May Concem:

The property known as 809 North Point Road, and identified by tax account number 16-00-004487, is currently zoned B.L.-A.S. The B.L.-A.S. zone supports the use of a retail furniture store as of right. RE: 809 North Point Road, Zoning Case #71-284-A, 15th Election District

A search of the old zoning case files has revealed that this property was t subject in zoning case number 71-284-A. I have enclosed microfilm prints for your us. The zoning variance allowed for 38 parking spaces in lieu of the required 145 spac and a rear yard setback of zero feet in lieu of the required 10 feet. A building per was issued under permit number 32066, C-762-71. This application approved a smal building that did not need to use the rear yard variance request. The approved site pl shows a layout for 38 parking spaces in accordance with the Deputy Zoni Commissioner's order dated July 28, 1971.

The as-built site plan that accompanied your previous request indicated 32 or 34 spaces (it was unclear to me whether the 2 handicapped spaces were incluin the count on the row marked 17 spaces). This would indicate non-compliance an approved site plan and zoning case number 71-284-A. It appears that when owner tried to accommodate the 2 handicapped spaces, the required width elimin some of the required parking. This deficiency can only be corrected with a spe hearing to amend zoning case number 71-284-A or a new variance.

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Mr. Arnold Jablon Director of Permits and De 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Jablon:

Dear Mr.

This firm represents Heilig-Meyers Furni connection with the refinancing of the proper requested to confirm the zoning applicable to located in the County of Baltimore, Maryland.

I would appreciate receiving your response in writing via telecopier followed by a hard copy. Closing on the refinancing of this property is scheduled shortly so we would appreciate having your response by September 25, 1998. For your convenience, I have enclosed a draft confirmation letter regarding the zoning of the property. I have also enclosed a copy of a prior zoning letter received of your office earlier this year, as well as your \$40.00 fee for the letter.

We have also been requested to obtain a copy of the certificate of occupancy for this property. Please include document with your response.

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Very truly yours, Johlug E. Harwell Ashley E. Harwell

AEH/seg Enclosures cc: Edmund :

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